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## Emblems As Protection

Peiping, Apr. 27.  
The slaying of a Chinese boy by an American Marine depot guard, who took him to be a looter, and the death of three children through the explosion of a Marine artillery shell, have prompted villagers in the western suburbs of Peiping to take occult defensive measures.

Parents are stitching lucky emblems on the clothes of their young sons and daughters, according to reports in the Chinese press. Boys are protected from calamity by the emblem of a green tortoise—symbol of longevity—and girls by that of a yellow rabbit.

These emblems are considered equally efficacious against the evil designs of a certain old witch who, according to a village rumour, is roaming the locality.—United Press.

## ALARM IN RUHR

Herford, Apr. 27.—Alarm over the food situation was growing in the Ruhr today as reports spread around cities that even the reduced weekly bread ration of 1,500 grammes would not be met in full during the next seven-day period.

The ration had recently been cut from 2,500 grammes as the result of the gap in the arrival of shipments from the United States and a breakdown of local supplies. No confirmation of further cuts could be obtained from official sources.

"Workers are growing more and more desperate as the days go by without any sign of improvement," a highly competent German source declared. "The stage has been reached where official British announcements are regarded as 'just ridiculous' and when the authorities say one thing, the people are often inclined to believe just the opposite."

A Military Government announcement today described the food situation as "poor throughout the North Rhine Westphalia region"—provinces which include the Ruhr and Rhineland—and admitted that of the meat ration only 50 per cent had been honoured in the past week.

Reports circulated in the highest British and German quarters last week that a new wave of food strikes and demonstrations were likely in the Ruhr are no longer persistent.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### The Palestine Problem

THERE is no world shortage of sympathy for legitimate Jewish aspirations in Palestine, but these are daily being jeopardised and thrown into disrepute by the activities of terrorist gangs. These blood-thirsty ruffians, who make no pretence of their concern for law and order, have apparently adopted the fatuous philosophy that terrorism will accomplish more for them than reason and negotiation; that intimidation is a rod calculated to break any back. It is a theory that history has exploded time and again. The intransigent attitude of the Jewish underground is difficult to appreciate. It appears to be based on the notion that once the hated English mandatory rulers are out of the way, everything in the Garden of Eden will once again be lovely, forgetting that the fundamental problem of Palestine is the incompatibility of Jews and Arabs as near neighbours. So intensive have been the anti-British activities of the Jewish terror gangs during past weeks that the real issue of the Palestine problem has become lost; and this has been emphasised by the quiescence of the Arab League which has stood by and watched the struggle between British rule and Jewish anarchy. This week the Palestine dispute goes before the General Assembly of the United Nations—a crucial test, not for Britain who has already indicated that she feels the time has arrived for her to

# PALESTINE REIGN OF TERROR TO CONTINUE

## No Truce While UN Deliberate

### TAIAN LOST TO REDS, REPORT

#### Reverse For Chinese Govt. Forces

Nanking, Apr. 28.  
Chinese official sources today declined to confirm the dispatches published in the Hsin Min Pao that the Communists have stormed and captured Taian, a railroad city 35 miles south of Tsinan. One official source said the report "appears likely."

The loss of this key point on the Tientsin-Pukow railroad would be a severe blow to government prestige as well as a demonstration against the pro-Government claims that Chan Yi's Shantung Army had completely encircled Shantung. The Hsin Min Pao dispatch dated from Shanghai quoted reports from Shuechow without confirmation that Taian fell to the Communists after only a month's occupation by the Government.

#### ANOTHER REPORT

Another Hsin Min Pao dispatch from Tsinan reported that the Red army stormed into Taian on the evening of April 25 killing most of the division garrison troops during the night long street fighting.

Whether the Communist assault troops infiltrated past the Government regulars east of Taian or have defeated these forces before attacking the city is not clear from daily dispatches.

It is known that General Wang Yu-wei's 12th and 98th armies as well as General Tang En Po's 85th army have troops in Taian. There is a possibility that the regulars have left Taian while they pursued the Communists into the mountains of Central Shantung, permitting the Communists to infiltrate into their rear in sufficient strength to storm the city walls.

The loss of Taian would smash the land communications between Nanking and Taian, and would break the contact between the forces directed from Tsinan and Hauchow base.—United Press.

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The announcement came as Palestine had its first quiet day since April 16, when Dov Gruner and his three Irgun comrades were hanged, but tension increased in proportion to diminishing interest in United Nations action. There also was little interest in the anti-extremist campaign started by five Hebrew morning newspapers, Davar, Haaretz, Mishmar, Hazofe and Kil-Haam. The papers published 10,000 words of quotations from Jewish leaders, condemning terrorism.

British observers were not optimistic over the Jewish Agency plans to launch another "educational" anti-extremist campaign. Most thought it came too late.

Reports that the Jewish Agency had offered to place at the Government's disposal special Hagana armed patrols to help suppress extremism were denied. Such an offer has neither been made nor refused, as was published abroad.

One well-informed source said he believed the imposition of a "controlled areas" siege on Jewish sections affected by extremism was approaching.—United Press.

#### SAME OLD COMPLAINT

Jerusalem, Apr. 27.—The Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, in a statement issued tonight, said: "There will be no peace in Palestine, in the Middle East or in the world until the British occupation regime in Palestine and Trans-Jordan is abolished and the British forces in these countries are withdrawn."

The statement was issued to the press on the eve of the United Nations special session, which is scheduled to begin.

"Britain is going to the United Nations—Organisation only for new international approval of her rule in Palestine," the statement added.

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The Tel-Aviv municipal council protested against the Government warning and stated that it could not be held responsible for the security of Post Office vehicles throughout Palestine.—Reuter.

#### EMIR FAISAL ARRIVES

New York, Apr. 27.  
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## AN ASTROLOGER DOES SOME FORECASTING

London, Apr. 27.

Leonardo Blake, astrologer who claims to have predicted the correct date of the German invasion of Poland, peered into the future today and forecast:

Whether war can be prevented over Russia's policy toward Germany will become clear this summer. Some "tragic events" will befall Britain's Royal Family in August, when King George will be the centre of the "most critical constellations".

A situation will arise in a matter of weeks, when Mr Winston Churchill, or, at least, his policies, will have a triumphant comeback. Blake told his prediction to the Sunday Pictorial in an interview headed: "Well, Mr Blake, Let's Wait and See."

The Pictorial said Blake produced evidence to support his claim that he not only had forecast the correct date of the invasion of Poland, but had predicted Nazi purge of 1934, the downfall of Hitler and Mussolini and the mysterious disappearance of Hitler's body. His book, "Hitler's Yast Year of Power," created a stir in 1939.—United Press.

## Waiting For Better Weather

### BOAC Flying-Boat Still At Hoihow

The Hongkong office of BOAC was still awaiting news this morning concerning the departure of the BOAC flying-boat from the United Kingdom which had to spend Saturday night riding the sea off Hainan and yesterday anchored off Hoihow.

Bad weather prevented the aircraft from landing at Kai Tak on Saturday. Latest reports state that the aircraft and passengers are quite safe and that it only requires improvement in the weather for it to resume and complete its flight to Hongkong.

The London-bound BOAC flying-boat which had to turn back to Hongkong yesterday owing to technical trouble took off for England this morning, with Bangkok its first port of call.

The aircraft carried Lieutenant General H. C. Robertson and General Officer Commanding, Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine, both of whom are on their way home to take part in an Imperial College conference called by Field Marshal Montgomery.

#### NEW FAR EAST CHIEF

London, Apr. 28.  
BOAC announced on Sunday that Mr John Branker, General Manager of the British European Airways Corporation is to become manager of the Eastern Division of the British Overseas Airways Corporation on June 1.

Mr Branker who is 36, is a son of Sir Sifton Branker, former Director-General of Aviation, who was killed in the R101 crash of 1930. He will be in charge of the Far East, Indian and Australian runs of BOAC.

He served in Cairo, Kisumu and Nairobi as area manager for Central Africa of the Imperial Airways. Soon after the formation of BOAC he became regional director for India and Burma.—Associated Press.

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## REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION FOR INDIA BY OCT. 31

New Delhi, Apr. 27.

India is expected to have the first Republican constitution by October 31 this year—that is the deadline fixed in the provisional schedule recommended by the Business Committee of the Constituent Assembly.

The Committee's report and recommendations are likely to be submitted to the Constituent Assembly on Wednesday or Thursday.

At today's meeting, the Committee recommended the setting up of two sub-committees, the Union Constitution Committee and the Provincial Constitution Committee. The first committee will draft the skeleton of the Union constitution while the other will work on the model of the provincial constitution.

These two reports with the reports on minorities in tribal areas and the report of the Adhoc Committee, which the President has set up to frame the constitution of the Union judiciary, are all expected to be presented to the Constituent Assembly in the form of a White Paper at its next session in June or July.

After that, the draft constitution is likely to be produced within three or four weeks. After the draft has been circulated to the provinces and units as required by the rules of the Assembly for two months, the final session of the Constituent Assembly will be held in September or October, allowing it to conclude its task by October 31.—Reuter.

#### FAVOUR PAKISTAN

New York, Apr. 27.  
The New York Herald Tribune said in a leading article today, quoting a report from its correspondent in India, that Muslim farmers and workers were among the strong supporters of Pakistan. The establishment of a separate Muslim state in India.

The newspaper declared that contrary to the claims of the opponents of Pakistan, who insisted that Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of

the Moslem League, represented merely the wealthy landlords and politicians, the correspondent found strong support for Pakistan in some Moslem areas, among "not only politicians but farmers, workers and other persons whose views do not often find public expression."—Reuter.

New Delhi, Apr. 27.  
The Viceroy of India, Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, will leave tomorrow with Lady Mountbatten for the North-west Frontier Province, scene of recent communal disturbances, going on to Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

This visit opens a crowded week for those responsible for India's future, both Indian and British. Other outstanding events will include: Firstly, the third preliminary session of the Indian Constituent Assembly, which opens in New Delhi tomorrow after an interval of three months.

Secondly, General Lord Ismay, senior member of Viscount Mountbatten's staff, will fly to London next week-end to give the Cabinet a first-hand account of the Viceroy's views, following his series of talks with Indian leaders.

Thirdly, Mahatma Gandhi, who saw the Viceroy half a dozen times recently, is expected back in Delhi from his tour of Bihar Province, in the middle of the week.

Viscount Mountbatten's task in his visit to Peshawar is to attempt to ease what the President of the Moslem League, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, recently referred to as "grave situation," which has arisen in the Northwest Frontier Province. (Continued on Page 6)

## CHURCHILL v. ATTLEE—ROUND 3

London, Apr. 27.

Mr Winston Churchill tonight accused the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, of going back a quarter of a century "to find excuses for the mismanagement and blunders of which he evidently feels his Government is guilty."

Mr Churchill was replying, in a statement to the press, to Mr Attlee's charge before the Scottish Trades Union Congress on Friday that Mr Churchill had been Britain's most disastrous Chancellor of the Exchequer of the century. Mr Churchill held the post from 1924 to 1929.

It was Round Three of the most spirited exchange yet made outside of the House of Commons by Mr Churchill, Britain's war-time Prime Minister, and Mr Attlee, his wartime deputy and peace-time successor. Mr Churchill had started it all with a bitter attack on the Labour Government's policies early last week before the Primrose League.

Mr Attlee's charges and Mr Churchill's replies, point by point, follow:

Attlee: "I remember very well when Mr Churchill was Chancellor of the Exchequer—the most disastrous Chancellor of the century."

Churchill: "During my tenure of that office in the Conservative Government, the cost of living declined by at least 18 points while money wages remained stable."

Attlee: "If we had been content to allow industry to proceed at a languid pace; if we had been content to have over 2,000,000 unemployed, we should not be finding our coal supplies insufficient."

Churchill: "It was under the Socialist administration of 1923 which followed the Conservative Government that the number of unemployed first passed 2,000,000."

Churchill: "It was he (Churchill, while Chancellor of the Exchequer) that brought us back on the gold standard which led to the crisis in the coal industry from which we are suffering today."

Churchill: "I acted on the advice of a Committee appointed by Lord

Snowden, Chancellor in the Socialist Government in 1924, of which Mr Attlee himself was a member. . . . Lord Snowden, on the second reading of the gold standard bill, said that while Government had acted with undue precipitancy, he and his Socialist colleagues were in favour of a return to the gold standard at the earliest practicable moment."

Attlee: "In his speech he (Churchill) also attacked the Civil Service."

Churchill: "This is utterly untrue and must be a deliberate distortion. What I said, and what I repeat, was that we have now too many officials compared with the number of wage earners engaged in productive industry. . . . It is no fault of theirs if they are now made too numerous. It is the fault of this Government, that is constantly heaping upon them fresh tasks, many of which are needless and futile."

He left unanswered, however, Mr Attlee's charge that the Conservatives had no real detailed policy as an alternative to Socialism.—United Press.



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How a community, led by specialists sent out from Britain, united to deal with an outbreak of infantile paralysis makes one of the great stories of medical endeavour and communal co-operation of the postwar world. Even criminals in gaol made splints—and when they heard of the need of children stricken by the disease, turned to making toys to entertain the young victims.

## COMBATTING INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN MAURITIUS

By Professor J. H. SEDDON

Doctor of Medicine, Master of Arts, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Oxford, Corresponding Member of the American Orthopaedic Association, who went to Mauritius at the request of Britain's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

INFANTILE paralysis is perhaps the most tragic of all epidemic diseases. What must be called the classical scourges—cholera, plague and typhoid, for example—are deadly enough, but the modes of spread are well known, the methods of control are fairly effective, and those who survive these infections usually make a full recovery.

Infantile paralysis is not a particularly fatal disease, but many of the survivors are left with more or less permanent disability; and our understanding of the mode of spread is still so imperfect that we do not yet know how to limit the spread of an outbreak once it has started.

During World War II there were four notable outbreaks in British colonies: in Malta in the winter of 1942-43; in Mauritius in the spring of 1945; and late in the same year in Singapore and St. Helena. Of the four, the outbreak in Mauritius was the most serious.

The island is overcrowded; it is only 38 miles by 28, some of the land is uninhabitable, and the population numbers nearly half-a-million. From time to time Mauritius is visited by devastating cyclones and there were three in the early months of 1945—in January, February and April. Housing is in general indifferent or poor, and sanitation primitive, except in the capital, Port Louis. The cyclones smashed hundreds of houses, damaged many more and caused an almost universal devastation of crops.

### Mission From Britain

IN normal times the medical services are barely sufficient for the needs of the island, so when it was proposed that a mission should be sent from Britain we thought it imperative to gather together a team of a size adequate for the task. It was also agreed that our attention should not be limited to doing whatever was necessary for the care of those affected; the work would include an epidemiological survey.

Before there can be any hope of controlling the spread of poliomyelitis (to give the disease its proper name) more must be found out about its mode of spread. An island epidemic is a favourable subject for epidemiological investigation, since conditions can be studied with much greater precision than is possible in a community in constant and uncontrolled contact with the outside world.

The party that left England consisted of an orthopaedic surgeon, an epidemiologist seconded by the Medical Research Council, and a physiotherapist. Lieut-General Sir Alexander Hood, Director-General of the Army Medical Service, had given us letters of introduction to the Directors of Medical Services in Cairo (Middle East Force) and Nairobi, (East Africa Command), the plan being to make demands on Cairo only if East Africa proved

unable to help to the extent required. Fortunately we obtained all we needed; Brigadier H. S. Cormack, East Africa Command, offered us the services of a pathologist to help with the epidemiological work, and those of two Army medical officers stationed in Mauritius for the clinical work.

The Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Brian Baker, also allowed us to take one of his senior medical officers, and we were permitted to call on the Royal Air Force for supplies of "Duralumin," required for making splints and to make free use of the air transport service for the conveyance of pathological material from Mauritius to Uganda, where arrangements had been made for carrying out pathological investigations at the Rockefeller Yellow Fever Research Institute at Entebbe.

This was only the beginning of the help given by the Services, for, on reaching Mauritius, we found that our emergency hospital was to be in a collection of well-constructed huts that had been used by the Navy and recently handed over to the Army. Later there was a great deal of clerical work that could not have been done properly without the aid of four excellent clerks, two from the A.T.S. (the women's branch of the British Army) and two from the Royal Army Medical Corps.

### Search For Victims

AN appeal had also been made to the East African colonies, and we were joined by a doctor from Tanganyika and his wife who was an experienced nurse; he became superintendent of the hospital and she the matron. Two Army nursing sisters were sent from Nairobi, another came from the local station hospital, and a fourth from the Uganda Medical Service.

A list of notifications gave a rough idea of the extent of the outbreak in the various parts of the island; there were said to be about 1,100 cases. Each district was tackled in turn.

Government medical officers, local doctors, sanitary inspectors and village schoolmasters were most helpful in guiding the epidemiologists to the homes of patients, but the detailed hunting down of the more elusive children could be done only by full-time workers. Fortunately, there was a local corps of keen and intelligent Voluntary Aid Detachment nurses, young

ladies from the old French families who had an intimate knowledge of the island and its lingua franca, a curious French patois.

As the epidemiological data were collected the V.A.D.s arranged for the patients to be sent to a convenient centre, such as a district or sugar estate hospital, where the clinicians examined them on the following day.

### Empty Huts

THE thorough examination of the muscles of a small child is laborious under ordinary conditions: it is very hard work when all conversation has to be done by interpretation, and in the often oppressive heat of an equatorial island. Nevertheless, it was sometimes possible to see as many as 60 children a day, allowing about 20 minutes for each. Those who required splints were measured for them, and lists were made, in order of urgency, of patients in need of hospital treatment.

Unfortunately the hospital, when we arrived, was no more than a collection of empty huts, and the Public Works Department was not able to move very fast on account of the abnormal demands made on its services by reason of the recent cyclones. However, the wards were opened up one by one under the direction of the matron and sisters, the routine nursing being done by the V.A.D.s.

The epidemiologists continued their labours while the arrangements for the care of the children were being made. After a most searching analysis of every relevant event in nearly 800 cases they were finally able to show how the disease had spread; the most important factor proved to be personal contact.

### Permanent Organization

IT was difficult to see how an adequate supply of splints could be obtained. The Government of Malta was good enough to send the splints that had been used in the 1942-43 epidemic, and after minor repairs all were fit for use. But many more were needed.

It was found that good metal work was done in the workshops of His Majesty's prison at Port Louis, where we discovered a most willing helper in the Senior Chief Officer. Within a few weeks a skilled industry, entire-

The Public Works Department constructed an excellent warm-water pool for remedial exercises, and the Navy presented us with the boiler.

In this way, it was possible to deal with these unfortunate children (about 420 out of 1,000 were so seriously affected that they required hospital treatment) in a manner that did not compare unfavourably with what would have been done in Britain.

It was clear, however, that a permanent organisation would be required, and the Government of Mauritius decided to establish immediately the orthopaedic service that had been contemplated as a postwar development. An orthopaedic surgeon has gone to work there and two physiotherapists; the hospital will continue until a permanent orthopaedic unit has been constructed; and the people of Mauritius have collected about 100,000 rupees for the erection and equipment of a rehabilitation centre which will be their war memorial.

Perhaps most important of all, a district organisation for the care of cripples has been established throughout the island. Thus, out of a most tragic visitation much good has come, and it is not unreasonable to hope that before long Mauritius will have one of the best orthopaedic services in the Colonial Empire.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

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THE other day, in a public place, the word ran, like cheese in stubble, that a famous film star was present.

As she came into view, there was a hush. Like that great Queen of Egypt, returned to earth for a day, she walked slowly along. "Isn't she beautiful?" sighed a lovely young girl. Someone close by said, "If you had those clothes, and the time to doll yourself up like that, you would be 'just as beautiful'." But the young girl turned an angry face to her consoler and hissed, "Don't be ridiculous." Yet it was true.

### Marginal note

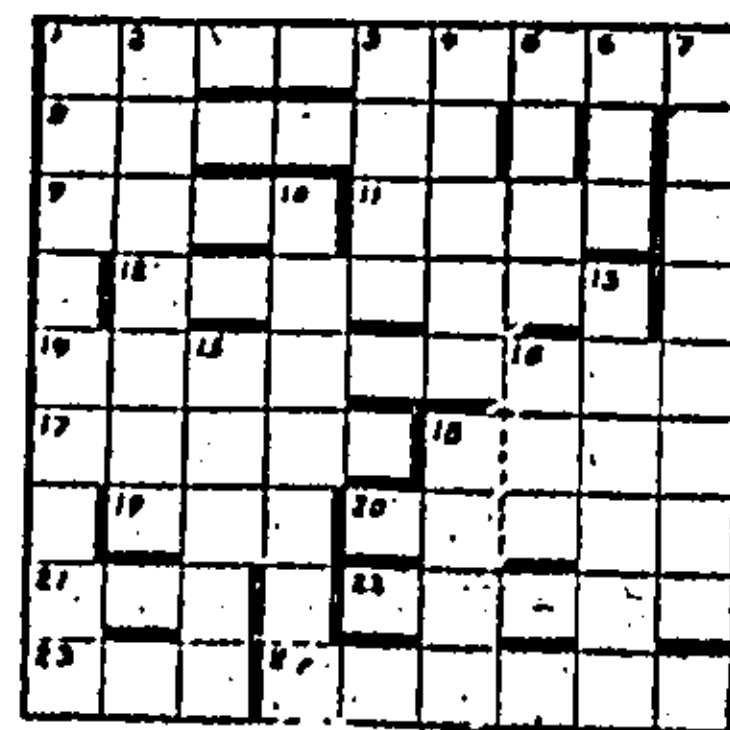
AN enormously rich business man is reported to have said the other day that any man can get anywhere he wants if he works hard enough. The amazing thing is that rich business men never get tired of saying that. It is trotted out as a kind of reproach to everybody who is not a millionaire. Do those men ever look at the people who really do work hard and get nowhere?

### Granted, sir

DEAR Sir,  
The procedure envisaged for tentative inquiries cannot be said to be that which was visualised in the statutory order which forms part of the circumstances arise, as it may, of a given inquiry being pursued on these lines, the outcome may be contrary to what was intended.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



17. It has a stiffening effect, ask your gardener. (5)
18. Unhappened. (4)
19. Briefly the day he posed. (3)
20. An ape for a change. (5)
21. Significant of distress. (3)
22. One of our Ministers. (5)
23. Head-dress. (3)
24. It's scarce if it is. (6)

1. The one who would wish Ford to get together in a mix up. (9)
2. M.P.s race this way, ask these folk. (7)
3. Just a plain nuisance. (4)
4. You will find a curtailed male relative in the soup. (6)
5. Musical instrument. (4)
6. The edible part of boats. (3)
7. American petrol. (8)
10. I got in the list and make a noise. (7)
13. Fancied. (6)
15. Recurrence broken at sea? (5)
16. Before. (3)
18. He was at his zenith as a boxer a decade ago. (4)

- Across
1. In which you may paste a boars' pack. (5-4)
8. This is not a member of a Christmas carolling society. (8)
9. Obviously he's from Rome. (4)
11. Thus to return to a dark subject. (4)
12. Planned. (7)
14. Ship creed (anag.). (9)

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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

This Space Every Day  
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Dorothy Day for Lois Leeds

Here are tips on the ways and means to Charm.

### STAR SHINE!

Radio has many women's programmes that just miss that human touch, that chatty, charm which women who listen feel at once. Dorothy Day, who does her morning radio interviews over WINS in New York, is a bright spot for women. Dorothy has a nice way of bringing out the best in her guests. She is interested in what they have to tell her audience. She selects her guests because of their achievements, then she brings them out!

Dorothy is a handsome blonde, much addicted to hats. She wears to work what she calls a conservative hat. Then she pulls out a mad one to wear to luncheons and parties which she attends to pick up news and pass it on to you.

That's a smart idea for any career woman. Follow Dorothy Day's idea and wear basic dresses or jacket suits in rich colours, then pull out of a box a hat which is gay and "mad"—that sets up a new look. Dorothy also adds earrings to highlight her hat.

In the evening, on her Cross Roads Cafe programme, she carries out her idea of simple clothes and stunning hats and accessories. It's a sure thing that Dorothy Day

polishes her own 'Star Shine' and lets it reflect brightly!

Blue! Blue is causing a sensation in the Hollywood fashion world. It's the one colour that men love, so you can't go wrong!

Jo Stafford is wearing a new dress in Electric Blue satin and she is harmonising her makeup to complement the dress.

Constance Moore is wearing Silver and Blue for evening and what could be lovelier?

So don't overlook Blue when you get ready to Shine!

## A Montgomery From France

Woman of wit and beauty visiting London was Mme. Bethouart. She is the wife of General Emile Bethouart, French High Commissioner for Austria, who was over for the peace talks.

Before her marriage last year Mme. Bethouart was Countess "Mimi" Montgomery. She has auburn hair, green eyes, an ebullient personality and possesses many fine jewels.

Before the war she founded and ran Paris's best-known woman's paper, Marie-Claire. The editors of the successful Paris-Sol drew freely on her advice. She has an interest in a vermilion firm, but neither smokes, nor drinks. Her favourite occupation: conversation.

Mme. Bethouart speaks excellent English. In Paris she is a close friend of Mr. Duff Cooper, our Ambassador, and Lady Diana; she coached them in the words of La Marseillaise before an official ceremony in Normandy.

In London her friends include Lady Curzon, Lady Abingdon, Admiral C. S. Holland and Cecil Beaton.

Mme. Bethouart can claim, descendants from the French side of Lord Montgomery's family. Her Normandy home bears plaques with citations from the King, Eisenhower and Roosevelt.

She and her daughter concealed scores of Allied officers and men. They all signed her guest book. Once a German approached the book ostensibly to sign. Mme. Bethouart snatched it away.

"Not until you are my guest," she said.

## Germans In Soviet Zone Afraid Of Russians

By D. I. CLARK  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Germans behind the Soviet zone's "iron curtain" are afraid of the Russians, but the average German who is pinned down to facts will admit that the conduct of Soviet occupation troops in the past year has been "quite correct."

This is the conclusion of this correspondent after a five-day tour of the northern part of the Russian zone—the first extended tour granted by the Soviets in seven months.

I found no reign of terror. People eat, work and play just as they do in the American zone, but most Germans dislike and fear the Russians. Germans resent any occupation force. They have been taught to hate and fear the Russians through 12 years of Hitlerism. Some drunken and some criminal elements in the Soviet army, heighten their fears.

There are rumours of Germans disappearing, but I found no concrete evidence of it.

"It is not safe to travel alone at night," a policeman in Stralsund whispered. The difficulty came, he admitted, from drunken soldiers who occasionally beat and rob Germans.

### Air Thick With Rumours

"Oh, those Russians!" a woman at a youth dance commented in exasperation. Asked to specify her complaints, she said: "Well, their conduct has been quite correct, but they sometimes walk into dances like this, and if you don't have your identity papers they lock you up all night."

As in other zones, the air is thick with rumours but little proof is offered. A responsible official in Stralsund said two fishermen disappeared recently, presumably seized by the Russians. It was his belief that they had been sent to Wismar to repair Russian vessels and would be allowed to return when the job was done.

One evening a German youth, spotting my American uniform, opened a conversation.

"I must see you—but the GPU (former title of the Russian secret police) watches us. There is a war on for Germany between Russia and America now," he whispered over the orchestra music. He did not appear at the rendezvous next day.

Germans in the Russian zone appear to be eating as well as those in the American zone. Officials at Wismar emphasised that ration cards were being fully honoured. They said the shortages in November and December had been made up. Townspeople, however, said they had been short on their potato rations for several months.

### Land Reform

Land reform, designed to divide land and smash the Prussian Junkers grip on North Germany, has already split up hundreds of large estates into thousands of small farms of 20 to 30 acres. Some people are enthusiastic. Many others are convinced the farms are too small to produce economically.

The trip included two days in Wismar, two more in Stralsund and a stop at Neubrandenburg. Several towns, including Peenemünde, the rocket experiment station, Oranienburg, where a large internment camp is maintained, and Rostock were eliminated by the Russians from the requested tour.

In the towns visited, correspondents were free to roam at will, talking to pedestrians, shopkeepers and city officials. The two Russian escort officers from Berlin did not interfere in any way.—United Press.

## MUSSOLINI TREASURE CONFESSION

Milan.—The mystery of Mussolini's treasure, which disappeared after the Duke's capture, has been partially cleared. A partisan confessed he escorted five suitcases and three sacks of gold and foreign currencies to the Communist Party Headquarters in Milan. He also claims secret documents, gathered by Mussolini to defend Italy at the peace conference, were consigned to a Russian mission and taken to Moscow.

### HIGH PRESSURE ADVERTISING

Turin.—A Turin printer was arrested for forging £55,000 worth of Swiss banknotes. He told police he only printed them as an advertisement for a Swiss firm. Said the police: "Too many firms have mistaken the advertisement for money."

### ONLY TWELVE MEN

Paris.—A ray weighing a ton was caught in the Gulf of Gabes, off the Tunisian coast. Twelve men were required to lift it. It has been sent to an oceanography institute.

### RATIONED BREATH

New York.—A butcher named Jack Hanna, who wanted to be the first American tourist to Britain, returned to Brooklyn. Things are deplorable over there, he said. "I never got warm from the time I left the Queen Elizabeth. Everything is controlled and rationed. A coupon is needed for everything. I almost felt I needed a coupon to breathe."

### DEAD DRUNK

Madrid.—Julie Luis, a student, made bed with some friends that he could drink three full bottles of neat brandy, one after the other, and "feel the better for it." He died. He stood up. He fell dead.

### ALL IS FAIR?

Paris.—Denise Soudry lives in a suburb of Paris. A bulky parcel was delivered to her home, and her father thought it looked curious. He threw it from a window and it exploded, breaking windows for 30 yards. A 30-year-old woman has been arrested on a charge of having sent the bomb to Denise. She is said to be jealous of her.

### TRUMAN TRICK

Washington.—President Truman sent an apple to every Senator in Congress from a box of super fruit presented to him. He wisecracked: "I am revealing the procedure. This is a case of the teacher passing out the apples."

### FOUR MARTINIS

Copenhagen.—The reflection of light by unfolded millions of ice crystals in the stratosphere over Denmark caused the phenomenal sight of three suns in the sky. In some places there appeared to be seven suns framed by four rainbows in reverse.

### SOPHIE'S HOPS

Miami.—Sophie Tucker, famous American night club singer, was robbed of \$12,000 worth of jewellery. She said: "I have a hunch my jewels will come back to me. I have always been 100 percent for the underdog."

### RUSSIAN REVIVAL?

New York.—The U.S. Department of Commerce has granted a licence to export 10,000 Bibles in Russian for the use of the Russian Army of Occupation in Germany.

## DICKENS MSS SALE OPPOSED

The manuscript of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations" is in the news.

The Wisbech Museum, Cambridge-shire, is seeking permission to sell it to raise badly-needed funds. A British collector is ready to buy it to prevent its going to the United States. Another British collector wants to stop its sale entirely. And the makers of the film "Great Expectations" want to borrow it for publicity in America.

The manuscript was bequeathed to the Wisbech Museum in 1863 by the Rev. C. H. Townsend, who got it from a friend of Dickens, "for the benefit of the town and neighbourhood of Wisbech." A condition of the bequest was that it should not be sold or exchanged.

The producers of the film of "Great Expectations" have suggested that the museum committee might lend the manuscript for exhibition in America, where the film is shown there. Meanwhile, however, the museum is seeking permission from the charity commissioners to sell the document, which has been valued as high as £10,000.

To prevent the manuscript going to an American, a British collector is reported to have considered making an offer for it with a view to presenting it to the Dickens Fellowship.

At the same time, C. J. Phillips, of Fort Lorraine, Chertsey, Surrey, has threatened to issue a writ against the museum authorities if they proceed with the sale.—Associated Press.

## CHESS GAME TO FINISH NEXT YEAR

L. E. Moore of St Louis and L. Bauza of Montevideo have locked horns in an international chess match. Along about the early part of 1948 they expect to know who won.

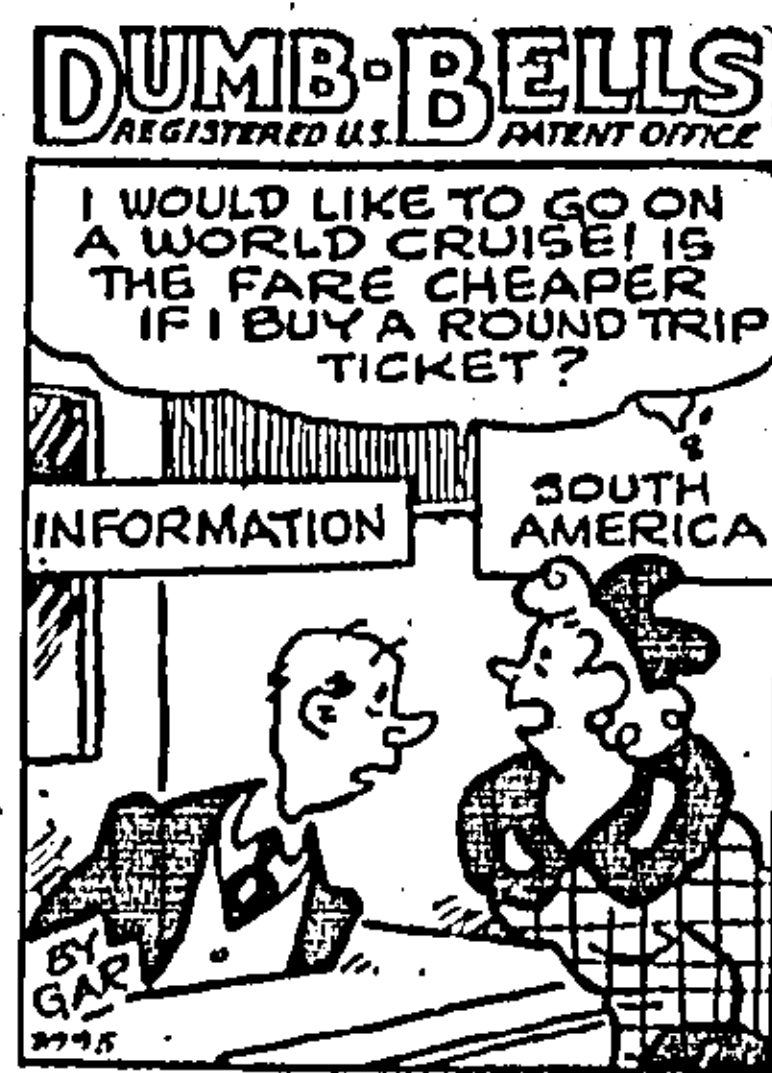
In addition, Moore is tangling with chess players in Peru, Argentina, Brazil and North America, but he won't know the results of those four matches until a little later next year.

Moore is a member of the International Correspondence Chess Association, and the group is now engaged in a world Olympiad between 30 nations—all conducted by mail. Six teams have been chosen to represent each nation, with each player on the teams being numbered. These teams are divided into groups of seven teams each.

### Mail Communication

The No. 1 player of each group engages the No. 1 player of each of the other teams in his groups. The No. 2 men play each other. Communication between players is by mail, players using the numerical code adopted by the International Association.

After a winner has been determined in each of the seven groups there will be an international final round, and the ultimate winner will be crowned World Olympic Chess Team Champion for 1946-48.



## NOTHING TO DO BORES FRITZSCHE

Hans Fritzsche, known during the war as the "Voice" of radio Berlin, now complains he was cheated, whereas once he said he was glad, when a denazification court sentenced him to nine years in a labour camp.

Fritzsche said he was glad of the sentence because it afforded him a chance to work, rather than rot in a prison. But the 42-year-old convict at Langwasser Labour Camp, maintained by the Germans for 3,000 SS men and 30 other convicted Nazis, bitterly says: "There is no work to do."

"Everybody here wants to do any kind of work, but they are not permitted to perform it. So everybody sleeps until noon, in a completely fatalistic attitude," he said as he sat in his tiny, freezing cold barrack room.

German gaolers admitted that Fritzsche was right, but said there was no suitable work for them to do and that, under no pretext, could any of these high priority prisoners be allowed to wander outside the camp.

### Groing Rapidly

Fritzsche, acquitted at the Nuremberg war crimes trial along with Schacht and Von Papen, and rearrested by German denazification authorities, is growing rapidly and growing gaunt after a year and a half in gaol. Now he has as cellmates a former Nazi consul at Basle, Switzerland, an ex-party official and two Nazi informers for the Gestapo.

In the barrack there is one small stove, and only enough fuel to keep a fire in it about two hours a day. The men wash outside at a single ice-clogged faucet.

"I did not get any blankets or other necessary equipment from camp officials," Fritzsche moaned. "The SS prisoners helped me out."

Other camp conditions were so primitive, he said, that he preferred "to be an internee rather than to be this camp's commander."—Associated Press.

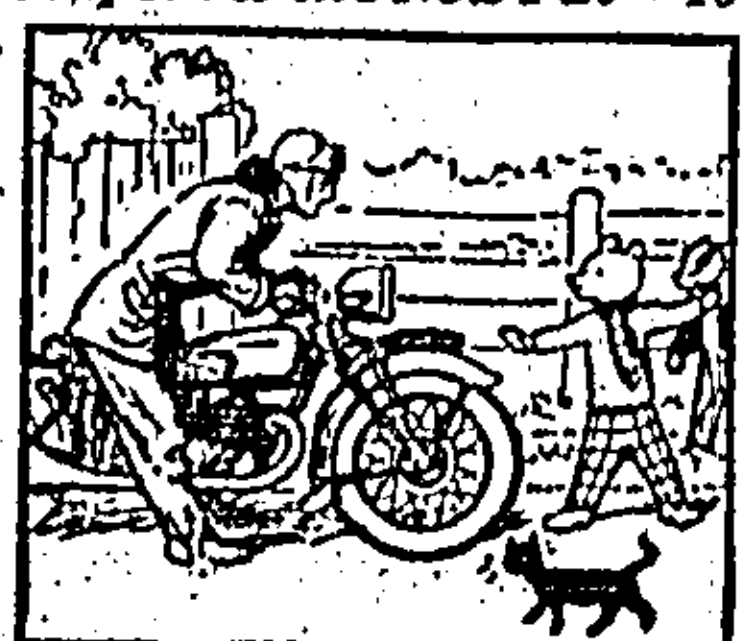
## HU SHIH TO REVIVE PAI-HUA

The movement for the use of *pai-hua* or vernacular, as a medium of literary expression, which was launched in Peiping about 30 years ago as a part of the literary renaissance, has retrograded in recent years. Dr Hu Shih, one of the leading spirits of the movement, complained recently.

To prove his charge Dr Hu pointed out that all Chinese official communications and documents are still written in *wen-li* (literary Chinese) instead of "*pai-hua*." What is worse, he continued, there is a distinct danger of all the modern punctuation marks being abandoned. Under these circumstances all the talk about wiping out illiteracy in China is futile, he claimed.

Dr Hu was asked why during his term as Chinese Ambassador to the United States he had written all his telegrams to the Chinese Government in literary Chinese instead of "*pai-hua*." "That was a special case," Dr Hu replied. "I have saved several million US dollars for the Government in cable tolls."

### Rupert & the New Pat—40



While the three unhappy friends are standing staring at each other there is a loud popping noise and the motor-cycle rears. Instantly Rupert runs into the road waving his arms and the rider pulls up with a jerk. "What do you mean by doing that?" demands the man angrily. "Oh, please, our pal George has been carried off in a van and he'll get lost," pleads Rupert. "Do you think you could catch up with him? You go so fast. You could do it."

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## POLICE WOMEN —BUT WOMEN

Thirteen women who took advantage of a woman's prerogative to fib about her age have found themselves without jobs as a result, says United Press.

The women, all probationary policemen, were dismissed from the force for trimming a few years from their ages.

When they took the civil service examination, each said she was

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under 40, the maximum age for

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by the Civil Service Commission

disclosed that several were in their

50's and the remainder "in their late

40's."

The oldest of the women who

claimed to be in her 30's was 37.

### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've lost 30 pounds walking since my old car broke down—I feel so wonderful you can cancel my order for that new one you said I might get by next Christmas!"



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